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APPLICANT: Kolesnick *et al.*

§ ART UNIT:
§ 1647
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§ EXAMINER:
§ Saoud, C.
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SERIAL NO.: 09/554,980

FOR: Basic Fibroblast Growth Factor
Treatment of Sepsis

§ DOCKET:
§ D6049
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The Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIRMENT AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 20, 2001,
please enter the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 4 as follows:

91 Sub B1
4. (amended) A method of treating a
pathophysiological state characterized by endothelial apoptosis
resulting from increased generation of ceramide from sphingomyelin,